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AN ACCOUNT OF

The Proceedings of the INCORPORATED-SOCIETY in *DUBLIN*, for Promoting *Engliſh* Proteſtant Schools in *IRELAND*, from *February* 6th. 1733, on which Day the Royal CHARTER was opened, to the 6th. of *March* following.

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A

LETTER

FROM A

MEMBER of the Incorporated SOCIETY in *Dublin*, for Promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in *Ireland*, to his Friend in the Country.

SIR,

YOU have been long impatient to hear what Progreſs the SCHEME hath made for promoting more effectually the Pure Light of the *Goſpel*, and for exciting a Spirit of *Induſtry* through this Kingdom. I have now the Pleaſure to acquaint You, that His Majeſty's Royal CHARTER for promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in this Kingdom (of which I ſend you a printed Copy) was opened with Solemnity, in the *Council-Chamber*, on *Wedneſday* the Sixth Inſtant, and after the reading of it in Preſence of His GRACE the Duke of DORSET, Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, and many of the Lords, Commons, and Clergy, the Officers appointed by the CHARTER were immediately Choſen; We have the Honour of having His GRACE the Lord Lieutenant for Our Preſident, the Lord Primate was elected Vice-Preſident, and alſo, Treaſurer; and *John Hanſard*, Eſq; Secretary, the ſaid Treaſurer and Secretary took an Oath for the due and faithful Execution of their reſpective Offices as the CHARTER directs; a Subſcription was then propoſed and chear-

fully made by moſt of the Members preſent, and I ſhould be Remiſs if I omitted mentioning the Earl of KILDARE's Benefaction of Five Hundred Pounds.

SINCE which the Society purſuant to their Adjournment having met in the *Committee-Room* of the Houſe of Lords, deliberated on the Rules and Meaſures to be taken by them for carrying on with Effect this truly Noble, Religious, and Charitable *Deſign*.

AT which Time they choſe Fifteen of their Number, uſually reſiding in or near *Dublin*, to be a ſtanding Committee for the preſent Year, who are to meet Monthly, or oftner, for the better conducting and managing the Affairs of the SOCIETY, and for directing and receiving Correſpondencies, through the Hands of their Secretary Mr. *Hanſard*, who holds his Office for this End, at his Houſe in *Big-Butter-Lane*.

THEY have alſo reſolved, when They ſhall have erected any *Charter-School*, to requeſt ſuch Members of the SOCIETY, as ſhall reſide in the Neighbourhood thereof, to form themſelves into a *Local Committee*, to Inſpect and Overſee the State and Management of it, and to give ſuch Intelligencies, and return ſuch Obſervations to the *Standing Committee*, as they ſhall judge to be Proper and Uſeful.

THEY likewiſe appointed a *Sub-Committee* of Five, for preparing a Plan or Scheme for *Rules* and *Orders* to carry the *Deſign* into *Execution*, and this will be ſoon made publick, that all may judge what Succeſs can be reaſonably hop'd for from a SCHEME ſo well concerted, and to be conducted by Perſons of Capacity, equal to ſuch an *Undertaking*, and who are animated purely by their Regard to the *Proteſtant Religion* and *Intereſt*, and the *Love* of their *Country*.

GIVE me *leave* further to Obſerve, that purſuant to the Royal CHARTER, it is the unanimous and firm Reſolution of the SOCIETY, to make theſe *Schools* uſeful for Work and Labour, as well as for Chriſtian Inſtruction, and to oblige the Children to ſpend the moſt part of their School-hours, to fit them for thoſe Trades and Occupations, that are moſt uſeful and profitable to the *Community*, of which the *Linnen-Manufacture* is undoubtedly, the moſt conſiderable, and next to that *Agriculture* and *Gardening*.

IN the Progreſs of this commendable *Deſign*, We may, by God's Bleſſing, hope to ſee, the Poor Ignorant and Deluded Natives of this Kingdom, brought to a true *Knowledge* of the *Chriſtian* Religion, happily

pily Eſtabliſhed among us, and to promote ſuch a *Spirit* of *Labour* and *Induſtry* every where, among the Poor, as may render us a flouriſhing and happy People.

THE SOCIETY have it likewiſe in their Thoughts, and Wiſhes, if the Benefactions and Bounty of well diſpoſed Perſons ſhould, in time, Enable them thereto, to Provide not only *Schools* and *Work-houſes*, but alſo, *Diet* and *Cloathing* for the Poor Children, eſpecially for the Orphans and Foundlings, and to Erect ſome Buildings to that End, that by this means, their Poor and Ignorant Parents and Relations may not only be relieved from the Charge of their *Maintenance*, but likewiſe deprived of any Opportunities to pervert their *Faith*, or corrupt their *Morals*.

I hope, Sir, what I have ſuggeſted may be ſufficient to invite you, and many other Gentlemen in the Country, to put their Hands to this Excellent Undertaking, and to become Subſcribing and Correſponding Members of the SOCIETY, that by your *Aid*, and *uſeful Obſervations*, they may both know, what Progreſs is made in this laudable *Work*, and may be the better enabled to ſend you their *Sentiments* and *Advice*.

AND that nothing be wanting to apprize you of the Uſefulneſs of the CHARTER, I have herewith ſent you the Lord Biſhop of *Dromore*'s *Sermon* Preached on the Anniverſary of the Twenty Third of *October* laſt, with the Appendix annexed.

MAY the good God, who delights in the Welfare and Happineſs of his Creatures, bleſs and proſper all our Endeavours, and make them Effectual to Enlighten the Darkneſs of this Nation with the bright and glorious Light of the *Goſpel*, that ſo we may all become, not only, good *Chriſtians*, but faithful *Subjects*, and an Induſtrious and uſeful *People*.

Dublin, February 20th, 1733.

I am, SIR, *Yours, &c.*

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LETTER

FROM

A Reſiding MEMBER of the Incorporated SOCIETY in *Dublin*, for Promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in *IRELAND*, to a Correſponding MEMBER in the Country.

SIR,

IN the foregoing Letter, you had an Account of the *Scheme* for promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in this Kingdom; and of the Countenance and Encouragement given to it upon the Opening of the Royal CHARTER. I have now the Satisfaction of acquainting you, that no ſooner had the *Society* eſtabliſhed a proper Method of proceeding in their Charitable Undertaking, but they had the Happineſs of being aſſiſted by the ſeaſonable Bounty of many other Perſons of Rank and Character; So that the *Society*'s Fund is now raiſed to One Thouſand and Forty Two Pounds *Sterl.* Six Hundred Pounds of which Sum are either paid already, or payable on Demand, and the Remainder by *Annual* Payments in four Years. They have further received from ſundry Perſons Preſents of uſeful Books, and from Two Gentlemen a Promiſe of Ten Acres of Land in the County of *Mayo*, to be ſettled for ever towards the Support of a *Charter-School.*

AND that you may know in what manner the *Society* propoſes to conduct their uſeful Deſigns, I here ſend you a Copy of the Prudential Rules and Orders to which They have Agreed, and which have been confirmed as the CHARTER directs.

RULES

RULES Eſtabliſhed by the Incorporated SOCIETY, in *Dublin*, for Promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in *IRELAND.*

I.

THAT the *Society* begin with Erecting One School in each of the Four Provinces of this Kingdom; and to proceed by degrees, as their Fund ſhall encreaſe, to One or more Schools in each County: By this means, the whole Kingdom will ſoon obſerve ſome good Effects of the Deſign; and well-diſpoſed Perſons will be induced to encourage the ſame, by their Countenance and Subſcriptions; and Private Schools will be the better regulated and formed, on the Model of the *Charter-Schools.*

II.

THAT the moſt eligible Place for every ſuch Firſt School, to be erected, will be ſome very *Popiſh* and Extended Pariſh, in or near which there is ſome County-Town, or other Principal Town; that the good Effects of ſuch School may be the more conſpicuous, and that Perſons of ſome Conſequence may have the Proceedings of it under their Eye; and that the Town of *Caſtle-Dermot* (being Part of the Eſtate of the Right Honourable the Earl of KILDARE) is a proper Place for the Firſt School, in the Province of *Leinſter.*

III.

THAT a Rent be paid, out of the Fund, for ſome Houſe, to be converted into a Working-School, until ſuch Time as a convenient Piece of Land be given for Erecting ſuch School: And 'tis hoped that the Gentlemen of the ſeveral Counties, will, by their Benefactions, Enable the *Society* to Erect ſuch Building.

IV.

THAT the Members of the *Society*, reſiding in the County, Barony, or Neighbourhood of the *Charter-School*, be made a *Local Committee*

of

of Inſpection; and be Veſted with proper Authority to Overſee and Direct it, and to Correſpond with the *Committee of Fifteen* in *Dublin*; their Letters to be directed to the Secretary of the *Society*.

V.

That the School-maſters, and Miſtreſſes, be appointed by the *Society*, upon the Recommendation, either of the *Committee* of Fifteen, or of the *Local Committee*, and to be Approved and Licenſed by the Biſhop of the Dioceſs, his Viſitor or Viſitors, and to bring to him or them, at the ordinary Viſitation, a particular Account of the State of the School, with the Names of the Scholars, and the ſeveral Periods of their Entrance and Diſmiſſion, atteſted by the *Local Committee*, or the Miniſter and Church-Wardens of the Pariſh.

VI.

THAT no Perſon be a Maſter or Miſtreſs of a *Charter-School*, who is not a known and approved Proteſtant, and likewiſe well affected to His Majeſty and His Government.

VII.

THAT the Children to be committed to the Charge of the ſaid School-maſters and School-miſtreſſes, be thoſe of the *Popiſh*, and other poor Natives of this Kingdom, who are to be taught *gratis*.

VIII.

THAT the Salary to any Maſter or Miſtreſs, be not leſs than Five Pounds *per Ann.* nor to exceed Twelve Pounds *per Ann.* and ſuch of them as ſhall acquit themſelves beſt, to be raiſed to the higheſt Salaries.

IX.

THAT all the Children ſhall be cloathed, and taught to read *Engliſh*, and ſuch of them as the *Local Committee* ſhall judge fitteſt, ſhall be inſtructed in Writing and common Arithmetick, but this only for two Hours in each Day; and to be employed, during the reſt of the School-

Hours

Hours, in proper Work and Labour; [a] particular Regard being had to the Linnen Manufacture, as the beſt ways of Raiſing, Preparing, and Dreſſing Flax and Hemp, Spinning and Reeling Flaxen and Hempen Yarn; alſo, Knitting, Sowing, Marking of Linnen, Waſhing, Brewing, Making, the Buſineſs of a Dairy, and all ſuch Kinds of Work, as may prepare them reſpectively, for being put out Apprentices, or going to Service.

X.

THAT the Children at proper Ages be put out Apprentices to *Proteſtant* Maſters or Miſtreſſes, at the Expence of the *Society*, (the Apprentice Fee not to exceed Forty Shillings) and particularly, to ſuch Trades as are moſt conducive to promote the common good, as Flax-dreſſers, Weavers, Wool-combers, Bleachers, Gardiners and Husbandmen.

XI.

THAT the Maſters and Miſtreſſes of a *Charter*-School, be married Perſons, or Perſons advanced in Years, and of Sober, and Virtuous Lives, and that upon complaint from the *Local Committee*, or the Incumbent or Curate of the Pariſh, that ſuch Maſters or Miſtreſſes are negligent in the diſcharge of their Duty, they ſhall be removed.

XII.

THAT the Lords, the Archbiſhops and Biſhops, (purſuant to the late Enabling Statutes) be applied to, to grant two Acres, plantation meaſure, out of their See Lands, and to recommend it to their reſpective Clergy, where it may be conveniently done, and at a proper time to grant one Acre, Plantation Meaſure, for the uſe of a *Charter-School*, and that all other Perſons, impowered by the late Statute, made in the fifth Year of His preſent Majeſty, [b] to grant one Acre of their Land, plantation meaſure, for the uſe of an *Engliſh Proteſtant-School*, be moved to Execute the ſame at a proper Seaſon.

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[a] *See* the Account of Work-Houſes in *England*, with a Preface to excite ſome ſuch Application of our Charity in this Kingdom. *Dublin* Printed by *J. Hyde*, 1728. [b] *See* Statute 5th K. *George* II. Chap. 4. *An Act for the further Explaining and Amending the Laws*, &c. *page* 67.

Particular RULES for the Regulation of *Charter-Schools*, to be ſet up in the Kingdom of *Ireland*.

I.

THE Maſters and Miſtreſſes ſhall open their Schools, every Morning, with Prayers, and reading ſome Portion of the Holy Scriptures; to which End, a ſhort Formulary may be compoſed; the Children that are abſent from Prayers, to be corrected. They ſhall alſo inſtruct the Children in the Principles of the *Proteſtant* Religion, as ſet forth in the Church-Catechiſm, and explained in ſome ſhort and uſeful Expoſitions.

II.

THAT the Children, daily, ſhall learn their Books for two Hours; and ſhall work the reſt of the School-Hours.

III.

THAT School-Hours, from the Firſt of *March* to the Firſt of *October*, ſhall be from Seven in the Morning to Eleven; and from One in the Afternoon to Five: For the other Five Months, the School-Hours ſhall begin at Eight in the Morning, and end at Twelve; and begin at One, and end at Four in the Afternoon.

IV.

THAT the School-Maſters, and Miſtreſſes, ſhall enter into a Book, for that Purpoſe, the Name and Age of every Scholar, and the Day and Year of Admiſſion and Diſmiſſion, and to whom every Scholar was put out Apprentice, mentioning the Trade and Place. And ſhall, yearly, bring an Abſtract, or Copy, of the laſt Year's Tranſactions to the Biſhop or his Vicar-General, at his ordinary Viſitation; to the Intent the ſame may be tranſmitted to the Secretary of the *Society*.

V.

THAT School-Maſters, and Miſtreſſes ſhall be anſwerable for all Damages that may be done to the Utenſils, Tools for Work, *&c.* provided for

for the Uſe of the Schools; to which End, they are to ſign Receipts for the ſame, upon the Delivery of them into their Charge. They ſhall alſo repair, at their own Expence, all broken Windows of the Schools.

VI.

THAT the Girls ſhall ſpin Linnen and Woollen Yarn for their own Cloathing, and ſhall make them up; and ſhall do the ſame for the Boys, if there be a School for Boys in the ſame Pariſh: And the Work, thus done, to be ſpecified in the Return to be made, as aforeſaid, at the Viſitation.

VII.

THAT all ſuch School-Maſters, and School-Miſtreſſes ſhall catechize the Children, at leaſt, twice a Week; and ſhall take Care, that the Children attend Divine Service, and Publick Catechizing at Church, and ſhall keep them orderly there.

VIII.

THAT School-Maſters, and Miſtreſſes, behaving themſelves ill, may be complain'd of, at any time, to the Biſhop; that he may apply immediate Remedy, without waiting for the Viſitation.

IX.

THAT all School-Miſtreſſes ſhall be either married Women, not having young Children of their own, or grave unmarried Women, not under Forty Years of Age (where ſuch may be had) and who underſtand Spinning, Reeling, Knitting, Sewing, Marking of Linnen, Carding, and Waſhing, and all the Practice of Houſwifery, that may prepare the Girls for Services or Trades.

X.

THAT proper Books, ſuch as *Primers*, *Pſalters*, *New Teſtaments*, *Expoſitions of the Church-Catechiſm*, be provided for the Uſe of the Schools; and that a *Bible* and *Common Prayer Book*, and *The Whole Duty of Man* be given by the *Society* to every Child that ſhall be put to Service, or bound out, by Order of the *Society* or *Local Committee*.

XI.

THAT the Children of the poor Natives, who ſhall be ſent to a *Charter-School*, may receive Rewards in proportion to their Diligence and

Improvement, such as Two Shillings for paying the Hearth-money for their indigent Parents, or a certain Portion of Bread, to be distributed every *Sunday*, after Divine Service; and that after they have faithfully served their Apprenticeships, some necessary Tools, for their respective Employments, may be given to them, upon their setting up for themselves.

XII.

THAT a certain Proportion of what is earned by the Girls may be divided between the School-Mistress and the Parents, for the Encouragement of both, at the Discretion of the *Local Committee*.

XIII.

THAT three Fourths, only, of the Apprentice-Fee be paid down to any Master; and the Remainder two Years after: Only a Weaver of Linnen, or Woollen, shall not be intitled to receive the Remainder of the Apprentice-Fee, till such time as Proof shall be made, to the *Local Committee*, that his Apprentice has woven a Score of Linnen or Woollen Cloth.

THIS SIR, is the *Scheme* on which the *Society* intend to Proceed, and it is easy to judge what good Fruits it is likely to Produce: Numbers of Poor Children will by these means be educated in the Knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of their Duty to God, and their Neighbours; instructed in some honest Way of Earning a Livelyhood, and inured early to a Habit of industry; and those too of that Sort, who otherwise would probably grow up in Ignorance, Idleness, and Vice, and so become a Burthen and Pest to the Publick. The Benefits designed them extend to their Bodies as well as their Souls; to the rendring them useful Members of the Community, as well as Good Christians. By their being acquainted with the Holy Scriptures, they will likewise be made Good Subjects: Informed what is their Duty to their Lawful Governors, and at the same time secured against the Wiles and Artifices of *Romish Priests*, who are always busied in propagating not only corrupt Principles in Religion, but Disaffection also to His Majesty's Person and Government. And it is reasonably to be hoped, that the Benefit of these Institutions will be still more diffusive: When the Good Effects of Christian Knowledge and Industry, shall come to shew themselves in the Lives and Circumstances of the Persons bred up in these Schools,

Schools, many, who through Ignorance and Prejudice are now averſe to our Holy Religion, may probably be thereby induced to think ſo favourably of it, as to liſten to the Inſtruction of their Pariſh Miniſters; and thoſe, who refuſe to labour, excited to a Spirit of Induſtry themſelves. As then this *Scheme* is ſo well calculated to promote the general Good of the Nation, it muſt ſure be acceptable to every one: And it is not to be doubted, but that it will in a little Time meet with ſuitable Encouragement from the Publick.

It is obvious, that a pretty large Fund muſt be neceſſary to the carrying on ſo Noble and Extenſive a Work; and what Encourages the *Society* to hope, that Gentlemen of this Kingdom will not be backward in their Contributions towards it, is the great Succeſs an Undertaking, partly of the ſame Nature, has lately had in a Neighbouring Kingdom, of which I here beg leave to give you ſome Account.

On the Application of ſeveral of the Nobility, Judges, and Gentry of *Scotland*, who had obſerved the happy Conſequences of ſome *Engliſh* Free-Schools Erected and Supported by the Charitable Contributions of a few private Perſons only, Her late Majeſty Queen *Anne*, in the Year 1701, was pleaſed to grant to that Kingdom Her Letters Patent, conſtituting a certain Number of Subſcribers a *Society* for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge in the *Highlands*, and *Iſlands* of *Scotland*. The Succeſs was ſo great, that by the Royal Munificence of His late Majeſty King *George*, and the continuance of the ſame Royal Bounty by His preſent Majeſty, together with the liberal Contributions of many well-diſpoſed Perſons of all Ranks and Conditions in that Kingdom, the *Society's* Capital Stock was raiſed in a ſhort Time, to the Sum of Ten Thouſand Pounds *Sterl.* notwithſtanding the great Expences in Supporting many Schools in the mean time. The printed Accounts inform us, that in the Year 1729, there were Ninety Schools eſtabliſhed; wherein above Three Thouſand Children were Taught to Read and Write, and inſtructed in the Principles of the Chriſtian Religion. And by the laſt Account of the State of that *Society*, publiſhed in the Year 1732. [c] We find the Number of Schools increaſed to One Hundred and

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[c] *See* A ſhort State of the *Society* in *Scotland* for Propagating Chriſtian Knowledge. Publiſhed by order of the *Society*, *Anno.* 1732. *See* The account of the Succeſs of the *Society* in *Scotland*, in *Chamberlains* State of *Great-Britain*, in the Years, 1730, 1731, 1732.

Five;

Five; in which are inſtructed Three Thouſand and Twenty Four Boys, and One Thouſand One Hundred and Two Girls, in all, Four Thouſand One Hundred and Twenty Six: A great, and moſt Exemplary Inſtance of Publick Spirit and Chriſtian Charity!

In reſpect to the *Charter* granted by His Majeſty for the Benefit of this Kingdom, give me leave to Obſerve to you, That it has this particular Advantage, which muſt certainly recommend it beyond all Exception, that the Children are not only to be Educated in the Knowledge of the Chriſtian Religion, and taught to Read and Write, but are alſo to be Employed in many uſeful Branches of Trade and Labour.

As ſeveral of the Truſtees of the *Linnen-Board* are Commiſſioners appointed to act in the Execution of this *Charter*, the finding ways of Employing the Poor Children in ſome uſeful manner will be rendered the more Eaſy. The Steps taken by each *Society* may be greatly Inſtrumental in promoting the Good Deſigns of the other; and on the Succeſs of both the flouriſhing State of this Kingdom does in a great Meaſure depend.

The Good Effects of the Care and Prudence of the *Linnen-Board* in the Application of their Fund we have very Senſibly Experienced. And as the *Society* are perſwaded that their *Scheme* for Supporting the Poor, Inſtructing the Ignorant, and Employing the Idle cannot want due Encouragement; So They humbly hope, when once they are enabled by a ſufficient Fund to carry their Deſigns into Execution in their full Extent, that Divine Providence will bleſs their Honeſt Endeavours with the ſame Good Succeſs.

Dublin, March 6th, 1733. *I am, SIR, &c.*

P. S. As the *Society* are empowered to have a common Seal; They have fixed upon one; the Device you have in the Title Page.

MORNING-PRAYERS

FOR

A Charter-School.

A Confession.

O Lord our heavenly Father, who haſt made all Men, and hateſt nothing that thou haſt made, who knoweſt, that by reaſon of the weakneſs of our Nature, we cannot always ſtand upright, and ſpareſt all thoſe who confeſs their Sins unto thee, mercifully look upon our Infirmities, and pardon our Offences, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's-Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in Heaven; Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this Day our daily bread. And forgive us our treſpaſſes, As we forgive them that treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Grace.

O Lord our heavenly Father, by whoſe good Providence we have been preſerved and refreſhed with Sleep in the Night, guard us, we beſeech thee, from all Evils both of Body and Soul this Day: Keep

us more especially from prophane Cursing and Swearing, Lying and Stealing, from Malice and Revenge, from Sloth and Idleness, and all other Vices, to which our own corrupt Natures, or the bad Examples of others may incline us: Teach us to be contented with our Lot, submissive to our Superiors, and modest and humble towards all, That all our doings being ordered by thy Governance, we may do always that is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for general Intercession.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all Mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of Men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them; thy saving health unto all Mankind. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; and particularly for that part of it established among us. Pour down thy Blessings upon our Sovereign Lord King *George*, together with our Gracious Queen *Caroline*, and all the Royal Family, strengthen them in the true Worshipping of thee, and be their Defender against all their Enemies. Bless those by whose Liberality and Charity we are Educated in this School, reward them with the good Things of this present Life, and with everlasting Happiness in the Life to come, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all Mercies, we thine unworthy Servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all Men: We bless thee for our Creation, Preservation, and all the Blessings of this Life; but above all, for thine inestimable Love in the Redemption of the World by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of Grace, and for the hopes of Glory: more particularly we magnify thy Name for putting it into the hearts of our Benefactors to set up this and other Nurseries of Religion, and Industry, in this Nation, by which means, we are called to the Knowledge of thee, our God, and thy Son Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent, and from a State of Sloth and Idleness, are brought up in an active and industrious Life: Enable us, we beseech thee, to improve these happy Opportunities, by making a daily Progress in Christian Knowledge and Virtue, and applying

plying our ſelves chearfully to our reſpective Employments, that we may be no longer a Burthen, but a Bleſſing to our Country: Give us, we beſeech thee, that due ſenſe of theſe and all thy other Mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy Praiſe, not only with our Lips but in our Lives, by giving up our ſelves to thy Service, and by walking before thee in Holineſs and Righteouſneſs all our days, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

After which he ſhall uſe the following Collect.

BLeſſed Lord, who haſt cauſed all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digeſt them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and ever hold faſt the bleſſed hope of everlaſting life, which thou haſt given us in our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

Then ſtanding up he ſhall read or order to be read, the Second Leſſon for the Morning Service, out of the Calendar.

After which he ſhall ſay the Bleſſing.

THE Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Evening.

MOST Gracious God, by whoſe good Providence we have been ſupported and preſerved this Day; Pardon, we humbly beſeech thee, all the Sins we have committed during the Courſe thereof in Thought, Word, and Deed againſt thy Divine Majeſty, and all Mankind, and accept of our ſincere Repentance for the ſame. Take us into thy merciful protection this Night; give us refreſhing Sleep, and let us awake in the Morning with Health and Vigour for doing the Duties and Services of the Enſuing Day, through thy Mercy in Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

Grace

Grace before Meat.

BLeſs, O Lord, thy good Creatures to the health and nouriſhment of our Bodies, and help us to ſerve thee faithfully in Body and Soul through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

After Meat.

WE praiſe thee, O Lord, for the Refreſhment we have now received at thy Hands; as we live of thy Bounty, enable us to live to thy Glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

FORM

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OF

A Nomination of a CHARTER *School-Maſter.*

To His Grace the Lord Archbiſhop of *or*
To the Right Reverend Father in God the Lord Biſhop of

WE the Incorporated-*Society* in *Dublin* for promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in *Ireland*; Do hereby Nominate and Recommend *A. B.* being a Perſon duly qualified, as our *Charter* directs, to be School-Maſter of the *Charter-School* at and do pray your Grace's [or Lordſhip's] Licenſe to the ſaid *A. B.* to that end.

Such Perſons as are diſpoſed to contribute to the Good Deſigns of the Incorporated-*Society* in *Dublin*, for promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant-Schools* in *Ireland*, may be pleaſed to ſend their Benefactions to

His Grace the Lord Primate, or *John Hanſard* Eſq; the Society's Secretary, } *Dublin.*
Meſſieurs *Harper* and *Morris*, —— —— *Cork.*
William Gore, Eſq; and Mr. *John Hutchiſon*, —— *Waterford.*
Mr. *John Bagwell*, —— —— —— —— —— *Clonmell.*
Richard Manſell, Eſq; and Mr. *Arthur Vincent*, —— *Limerick.*
Reverend Mr. Dean *Moſſom*, —— —— —— —— *Killkenny.*
John Diſney, Eſq; —— —— —— —— *Gallway.*
Mr. *Mitchelburn Knox*, —— —— —— —— *Sligoe.*

Mr. Alderman *Stanley*, and Reverend Mr. *Roger Blackhall*.	*Derry.*
George Mc Cartney, Esq; and Mr. *Daniel Mussenden.*	*Bellfast.*
Thomas Pearson, Esq;	*Drogheda.*
Reverend Mr. *Edward Stephens*,	*Wexford.*
Robert Temple, Esq;	*Athlone.*
Reverend Doctor *Walmsley*, and the Reverend Mr. *Whaley*,	*Ardmagh.*
Reverend Mr. *Collis*,	*Tralee.*

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Messieurs *Nathaniel Gould*, and *Nesbit*,	Near the *Royal-Exchange.*
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Messieurs *Drummond* and Company,	*Charing Cross.*
Messieurs *Wogan* and *Aspinwal*,	*Spring Garden*, *Charing Cross.*

SIR,

SIR, *Dublin*, 1734.

I AM commanded by the *Society* for promoting *Engliſh Proteſtant* Schools in *Ireland*, to tranſmit to you the annexed Account of their Proceedings, and to entreat your favourable Regard to the ſame, in ſuch manner as you ſee moſt conducive to their good Deſigns.

At the ſame time be ſo kind to acquaint the Society, if any Acres of Land have been, or are likely to be ſet apart in your Neighbourhood, for the Uſe of *Engliſh Proteſtant* Schools, by Eccleſiaſtical, or any other Perſons, in purſuance of the Statutes of the 8th of K. *George* I. Chap. 12. whereby all *Archbiſhops* and *Biſhops* may grant two Acres of their See Land, and other Eccleſiaſtical Perſons one Acre of Land to them belonging, for the Uſe of an *Engliſh Proteſtant School*, and all other Perſons whatſoever, though *Tenants* for Life, may, by Virtue of the late enabling *Statute* of the *5th* of K. *Geo.* 2d. *Chap.* 4. *grant one Acre of their Land* (Demeſne Land excepted) for the ſaid Uſe.

I am further commanded to acquaint you, that the Society continue to purſue their former Reſolutions of employing all the *Charter-Children* in uſeful *Work and Labour*; the Boys in Tillage, Planting, Gardening, and Husbandry; the Girls in preparing, and ſpinning Flax, and in Houſewifery, under the Direction of proper Maſters and Miſtreſſes, *&c.* in order to maintain themſelves, out of the ſmall Portions of Land, which may be let to the Society by well-diſpoſed Gentlemen, at a moderate Rent for that Purpoſe; and as it is preſumed that this will lay a proper Foundation for many *uſeful Improvements* on the *Eſtates* of the *Landed-Gentlemen* of *Ireland*; on this Account the Society do hope they will ſtill meet with due Encouragement.

In order to anſwer this deſired End, I am directed to intreat the Favour of you, to notifie, that when any *Acres* of *Land* ſhall be ſet apart by Virtue of the above-mentioned *Statutes*, for the Uſe of *Engliſh Proteſtant Schools*, you will at the ſame time pleaſe to ſignifie, whether any Perſons in your Neighbourhood may be inclined to let any convenient Portion of Ground near to the ſaid appropriated *Acres*, at an eaſy Rent, and for what Term of Years.

It will not be diſagreeable to you to be acquainted, that the Society are informed by knowing Perſons in Country Affairs, that twenty Acres

Acres of Land, Plantation Measure, at 5 *s. per Acre*, or Land to the Value of 5 *l. per Annum*, which will produce Wheat, or Barley, may, if duly manured, and well inclosed, with a House built for a working Family, be sufficient for the Subsistence of twenty poor Children, employ'd in Work, under the Care of proper Directors; and so in Proportion to the Goodness of the Land, and Number of Acres, a greater or lesser Number of Children may by the *Work of their own Hands*, with very little additional Help, be wholely provided for.

This will apparently promote many useful Improvements both of *Land* and of the *Linnen Manufacture* among us, this will be a fit Nursery for Servants and other Persons proper to fill the Offices of low Life, who *will* by this means, be *early taught* to fear God, and *to honour and obey the King, and all that are put in Authority under him, to learn and labour truly to get their own Living, and to do their Duty in that State of Life unto which it shall please God to call them*, this will be their first Lesson, and will lay the deepest Impression on their Infant Years, and by this Care, and these Methods, we may hope to see gradual and happy Improvements through the whole Course of their Lives: And this Scheme when duly executed will in the End most certainly prove of lasting Service to the whole Kingdom.

If you are inclin'd to countenance this good Work, by accepting the Trouble of being a corresponding Member to the Society, be so good to signify your Approbation to me who have the Honour to be their Secretary, and am,

SIR,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

FINIS.